**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**
**CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA**
**AUGUST 3, 2021 - GROGAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

**INVOCATION**
Devin Drake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints gave the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Councilmember Waterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER**
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**
**MEMBERS PRESENT:**
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Senior Planner Frank Albro, Planning Division Manager Dana Eady, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, PEG Station Manager Alan Sutterfield, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

Language Justice Initiative Interpreters, Karla Martens and Ivette Peralta, gave instruction (English and Spanish) regarding interpretation during the meeting.

**1 PROCLAMATIONS**
There were no Proclamations.

**2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Isaac Berumen spoke about the proposed City Sports Complex.

Cheryl Ausan thanked the Council for holding the meeting in District 1.

**3 CONSENT CALENDAR**
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3G were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-90, 2021-91, and 2021-92. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

***Action:*** Readings waived.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. 5-0.***

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of July 20, 2021.

***Action:*** Minutes adopted as presented.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. 5-0.***

C. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

***Action:*** Warrants ratified.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. 5-0.***

D. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

***Action:*** Payroll ratified.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. 5-0.***

E. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Treasurer or Deputy City Treasurer to open a new bank account to support transit mobile digital bus payments using ITS Solutions mobile application known as SMATPay.

***Action:*** Authorization was granted to establish a new bank account to support transit mobile digital bus payments.

***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-90. 5-0.***

F. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with American Pavement Systems, Inc., Bid No 2021/05, Annual Surface Seal Street Maintenance Project.

***Action:*** The bid was awarded and an agreement was approved with American Pavement Systems, Inc.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. Adopted by Resolution No. 2021-91. 5-0.***

G. Adopt a Resolution establishing funding for the acquisition and construction of a proposed City Sports Complex located at Stowell Road and Depot Street.

***Action:*** Funding was established for the acquisition and construction of a City Sports Complex.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.***
***Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-92. 5-0.***

## 4 APPOINTMENTS

The City Council was to consider appointments to the Block Grants Advisory Committee. A presentation was given by Chief Deputy City Clerk White as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. Councilmembers Cordero, Escobedo, and Waterfield each indicated that they were not prepared to make nominations, and requested that consideration of nominations be postponed to a date undetermined.

## 5 PUBLIC HEARING

Item 5B began at 5:45 p.m. at the request of the Mayor and was interrupted at 6:00 p.m. for Item 5A which was conducted in its entirety before returning to Item 5B.

A. **6:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION MAPS FOR THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS AFTER 2020 CENSUS.** The City Council discussed neighborhoods and communities of interest and the formation of districts based on the 2020 Census. Dr. Daniel Phillips of NDC Research gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report, including instruction on the use of the redistricting mapping tools provided on the City's website.

Public hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. and, having no written communication or requests to speak, immediately closed the public hearing.

***Action:*** The City Council received a presentation on the redistricting process regarding permissible criteria, and provided direction to maintain the District quadrants so that the Downtown Specific Plan is served by each district.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.***
***Motion carried. 5-0.***

B. **SANTA MARIA AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK SPECIFIC PLAN, GENERAL PLAN, AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ORCUTT EXPRESSWAY (HIGHWAY 135) AND UNION VALLEY PARKWAY.** The City Council considered a: 1) Supplemental Environmental Impact Report, a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, (2) Specific Plan Amendment (SPZ2019-0001), and (3) General Plan Land Use Map Amendment and Zone Change (GPZ2019-0002) for RRM Design Group to rezone a 28-acre site from Community Facilities (CF) and Recreational Open Space-Detention Basin (ROS-DP) to Airport Commercial (AC), Light Industrial (LI) and Recreational Open Space-Detention Basin (ROS-DP) General Plan Land Use Designations; and from Public Facilities - Airport (PF- A) and Open Space (OS) Districts to Planned Development Airport Commercial/Public Facilities - Airport [PD/C-3/PF-A], Planned Development/Light Industrial/Public Facilities - Airport (PD/LI/PF-A), and Open Space (OS) districts of The Airport Business Park Specific Plan.

At its March 17, 2021, regular meeting, the Planning Commission voted 3-1 (Noes: Commissioner Lopez. Absent: Robert Dickerson) to recommend that the City Council approve the project.

Senior Planner Albro gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Applicant Erik Justesen, of RRM Design Group, also gave a presentation.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Chris Hastert and Glenn Morris spoke in favor of the project.

Michael Lozeau, representing SAFER, expressed concerns with the adequacy of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

***Action:*** Adopt a Resolution certifying a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report making California Environmental Quality Act findings, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring Program for the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Land Use Map Amendment, and Zone Change.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-93. 4-1. Noes: Councilmember Soto.***

***Action:*** Adopt a Resolution amending the General Plan Land Use Policy Map designations, and declaring consistency with the General Plan for approximately 28 acres located at the northwest corner of Orcutt Expressway (Highway 135) and Union Valley Parkway, GPZ2019-0002.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-94. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto.***

***Action:*** Introduce an Ordinance, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending the Official Zoning Map for the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Land Use Map Amendment, and Zone Change, GPZ2019-0002.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2021-06. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto.***

***Action:*** Adopt a Resolution to amend the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan to be consistent with the amended General Plan land use designations, SPZ2019-0001.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-95. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto.***

***Action:*** Introduce an Ordinance, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, approving an amendment to the Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan, and declaring consistency with the amended zoning designations.
***Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero. Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2021-07. 3-2. Noes: Councilmember Escobedo and Councilmember Soto.***

**REPORT BY CITY MANAGER**

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be August 17, 2021. Items on the agenda will include a public hearing for the CDBG Funding Priorities for 2022-23; a Soccer Complex update for a grant approval; and the 4th Quarter Financial Report. The September 7th meeting will be at the Veterans' Memorial Building, 313 W. Tunnell Street. Redistricting will be on the agenda for that meeting, as well.

Beginning August 6th, Santa Barbara County will be requiring that masks be worn indoors regardless of vaccination status.

**ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)**

Councilmembers Cordero, Waterfield, and Soto had no reportable AB1234 items.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Dunes Center's Reopening Celebration.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the Quarterly Schools meeting; a Riverside County Human Trafficking meeting; two California Alliance of Local Electeds meetings; a meeting with the SBCAG Board of Directors; the BGAC Community Needs Workshop; and the Vandenberg Space Force Command and Operations ribbon cutting.

**ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on August 17, 2021.

8/25/2021
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

8/25/2021
Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria